

stayed in all of their files until 1995, when the Air Force officially vindicated them.

Though Dr. Williams's unit never saw action in the European theater, they did fight against racism and for equality while serving our Nation. His contributions to this fight did not end with his military career. As a surgeon and the president of the Cook County Physicians Association, he worked to end discrimination in Chicago area hospitals. He met with President Kennedy on the issue and also served as Dr. Martin Luther King's physician when he was in Chicago.

New Mexico is lucky to have such a great man as a constituent and I am pleased to see that he and his comrades have finally received their Congressional gold medals. It is late in coming, but I believe it demonstrates that our Nation recognizes his fight as our own. Using Dr. Williams's selfless example, I will continue working to ensure equality for all Americans and end discrimination of all kinds.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a withdrawal of a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 477. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke, and for other purposes.

H.R. 727. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1132. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

H.R. 1562. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand certain rules with respect to housing in the GO Zones.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 494. An act to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely ad-

mission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. HINCHEY of New York, Mr. HILL of Indiana, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. CUMMINGS of Maryland, and Mr. DOGGETT of Texas.

The message also announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. PAUL of Texas.

At 3:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 835. An act to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians.

H.R. 1401. An act to improve the security of railroads, public transportation, and over-the-road buses in the United States, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 477. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 802. To amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 835. An act to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 1132. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1401. An act to improve the security of railroads, public transportation, and over-the-road buses in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1562. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand certain rules with respect to housing in the GO Zones; to the Committee on Finance.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 997. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 1001. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1176. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Children's Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk Eligibility Information in the Child Nutrition Programs" (RIN0584-AC95) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1177. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Nunn-McCurdy Unit Cost thresholds for certain programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1178. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard Bases affected by the 2005 round of Defense Base Closures and Realignment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1179. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the inclusion of two additional civilian positions to be included in a previously reported public-private competition; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1180. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Regulations S-T" (Release No. 34-55502) received on March 22, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1181. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal of Final Flood Elevation Determination for Lexington/Fayette County, KY and Incorporated Areas" (FEMA-B-7465) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1182. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 10392) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1183. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 10382) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1184. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 10391) received on March 23, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1185. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting,